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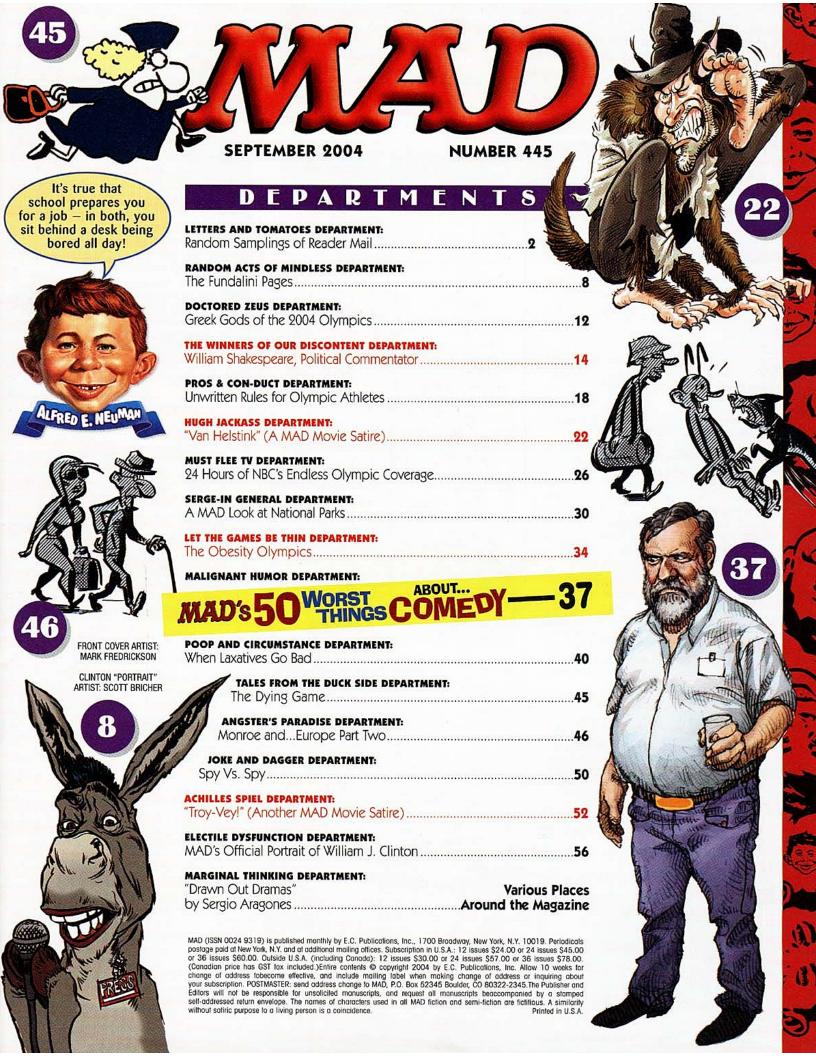


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#### YOU'VE GOT JAIL

I am incarcerated in a youth prison in Michigan. When I was in the juvenile home, my parents brought me MAD to keep me entertained. When I came here, my bunkie received MAD and let me read them. I've become really addicted to them and just received the first copy of my subscription. Thank you for something to do.

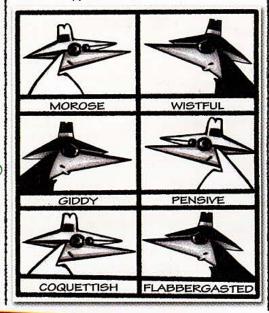
Mike Kelly, Michigan Youth Correctional Facility Baldwin, MI

Saved by the Kell — Are you saying you're looking for things to do in prison? Jail is a hotbed of fun-filled activities! Off the top of our heads, we can think of plenty of ways to pass the time! Why, you can craft a shiv, earn the trust of a guard, form a softball team, get a pen pal, start digging a tunnel, cross the days off your calendar or that old classic: push-ups (and plenty of them)! So Mike, don't complain that there isn't anything for you to do, and please say hello to Warden Elo for us! —Ed.

Could you possibly have a page in an upcoming issue that shows how to draw the Spy Vs. Spy characters and their expressions? My friend is obsessed with Spy Vs. Spy and is always trying to "perfect" the comics he draws. If you do this I am hoping he will shut up.

Michael Ambriz, San Diego, CA

Mikey Likes It — No problemo! We spoke with current Spy Vs. Spy artist Peter Kuper and he was more than happy to provide the following mini style guide to help your "friend" master the highly expressive faces of either the Black or White Spy! —Ed.



#### MAD FAN OF THE MONTH

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People's Courtney

COURTNEY "UNCLE SAM" BROOKS: WHO WANTS YOU?!?

This past 4th of July, I decided to go past setting off fireworks, and possibly losing fingers, to be patriotic. When I got into my Uncle Sam costume, I figured: What more appropriate way to represent my country than holding up two classic MAD magazines? After all, MAD represents and symbolizes what the United States is all about (being able to publish large amounts of foolish nonsense courtesy of the First Amendment!)

Courtney Brooks, Indianapolis, IN

People's Courtney — After looking at your "patriotic" picture, we've decided that the French may have actually had a point about how retarded Americans are! Vive le snug plastic pants! —Ed.

### The Big Easel

I enjoy MAD magazine, so I decided to do a "Big Easel." I only used toy cars, K'nex and other stuff in my room. I never used anything that I found outside of my room. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoy reading MAD.

Kirk Meyers, Saskatchewan, Canada

Kirk du Soleil — Clearly you are displaying the early signs of cabin fever. This is not uncommon during the cold and depressing nine-month Saskatchewan winters. Now, if you wanted to get the most out of those K'nex, you'd use them to build a tunnel to escape your icy, soul-crushing Canadian

your icy, soul-crushing Canadiar prison! If you get stopped at the border, just inform the Mounties that you're a close personal friend of Courtney "Uncle Sam" Brooks! —Ed.



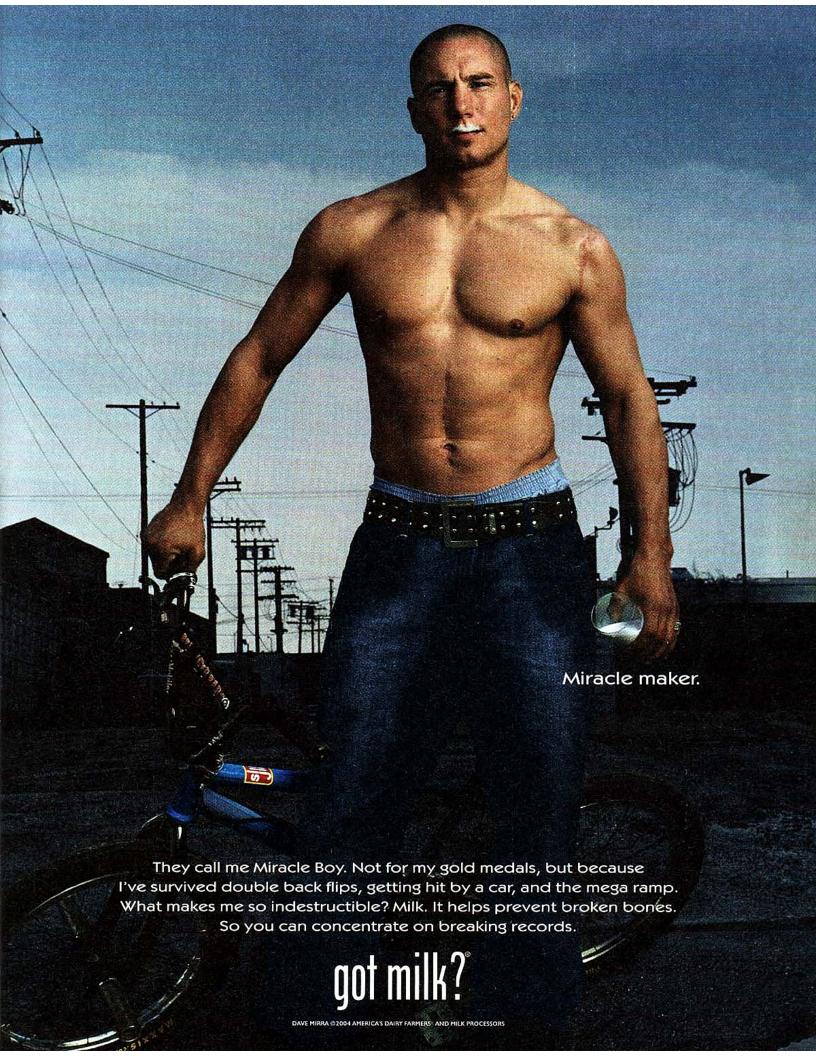
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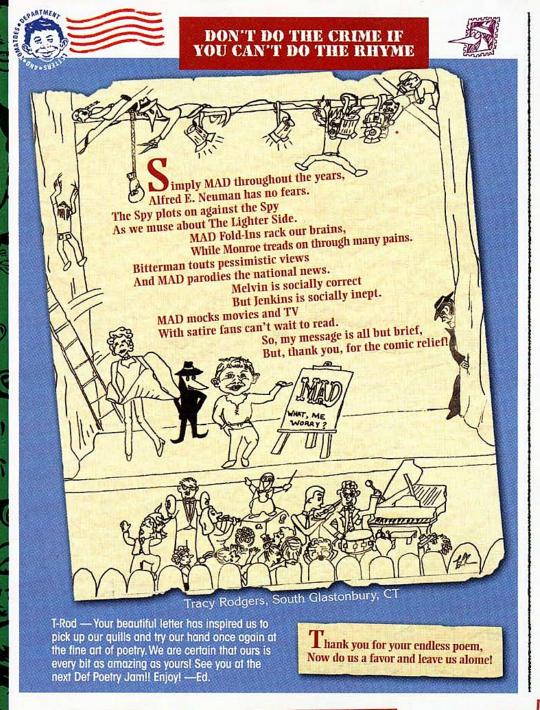
#### THE SCHIZ ARE ALRIGHT

I say Desmond Devlin is the biggest idiot in your Usual Gang of Idiots for misusing the term "schizo" three times in the *Lord of the Rings* parody (MAD #439). Schizophrenia is a brain disorder that has nothing to do with multiple personalities. Ask any doctor, idiot.

Lila Ewing, Encinitas, CA

Mountain Ew - First off, we'd like to apologize on behalf of Desmond. You are correct in pointing out his misuse of the word schizo. To show that we have taken your reprimand to heart, we would like to run something by you. Are we using the word "crap-sack" correctly when describing your letters? Please write back and let us know. In fact, let's open it up to you, our dear readers. Please send us your best original, profanity-free insults to describe Ms. Ewing's missive! Mail to Amy "The Big Insult" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019. We will print the best ones in an upcoming issue! -Ed.





#### BREAKING A MING PHRASE

In MAD #442's "Yao Ming's Chinese-English Phrasebook" you have his alleged comments in Chinese symbols followed by supposed translations into English. I regret to inform you that the symbols do not mean what you said they mean. For example, in the first line, 瘴 = mountain, 气= water, 乌= exhaust. In the second line 烟= level, 风= waves, 平= quiet. I won't translate all of the symbols, because the point is made.

Garrett Belcher, Charleston, WV

Gar She Blows! — Once again we fall victim to that bumbling Godfrey. He swore to us that he was fluent in Chinese. After double-checking the article, we found that 腾云驾雾 doesn't translate into "Does Allen Iverson know that his Chinese tattoo says'l desire young boys'?" - but actually into, "Garrett Belcher, get a freakin' life!" This makes us wonder if Godfrey really is a licensed massage therapist, either! -Ed.

#### CALDWELL'S THAT ENDS WELL

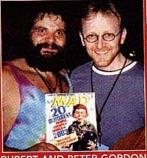
I am writing this to tell you that you guys are wicked pissa! I especially wanted to tell you guys that I loooove John Caldwell. He is my favorite cartoonist in the world! His articles are always the ones I like best. I've been reading MAD since I was 14 (I'm 21 now) and I just want to say I worship all that is MAD! I may come to NYC and visit you guys and give John a big hug for rocking hardcore!

Melissa Gavazzi, Boston, MA

Missy - Thank you for your fan letter to longtime MAD writer/artist John Caldwell. We took the liberty of passing it on to him and to his lovely bride, Roxy. We couldn't understand her whole message to you, but we did manage to make out the phrases "stop sniffing around my man" and "Gas up the truck, we're haulin' ass to Beantown!" Best of luck to you, Melissa, you homewrecker! -Ed.

### SPECIAL SURVIVOR EDITION!

Peter Gordon of Great Neck, NY sent in this page o' Celebrity Snaps from the recent Survivor: All Stars wrap party in New York City! Understandably, he neglected to include the one where security is forcibly escorting him out of the bash (That hussy Jerri wouldn't be far behind!) Regardless, congrats, Pete on your three-year subscription and special props for your THE ED'S NIFTY FIFTY\*pic of Rupert Boneham!



RUPERT AND PETER GORDON





JANE GORDON



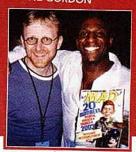
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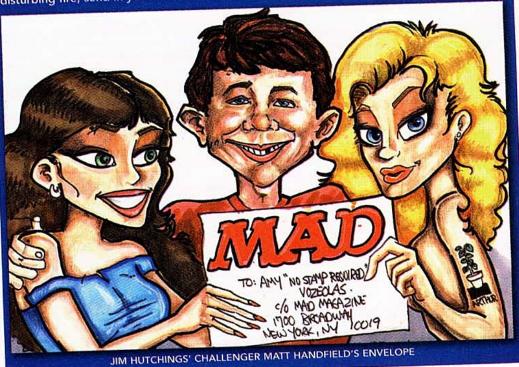
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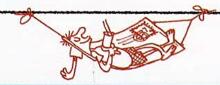
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#### ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

This month's Envelope of the Month comes from Matt Handfield of Northampton, MA. In his letter, Matt did a fair amount of smack-talking about Letters Page mainstay Jim Hutchings. So far, Jim has been quiet in facing his challengers. Are you going to take this, Jim? After all that you have "worked" for? For God's sake man, fight disturbing fire with disturbing fire, send in your next "masterpiece" and put these upstarts in their place! —Ed.





#### CENSOR AND SENSIBILITY

Why is your magazine so R-rated? I am an average nine-year-old boy who thinks your magazine is funny, but in an R-rated way. I'm a new subscriber and when I got the May issue, I was rather upset that it had nudity in it. If you could make your magazine G-rated, that would be great.

Max Russo, Pleasantville, NY

Max and Cheese - You strike us as the type of kid who reminds his teachers that they haven't assigned any homework for the weekend! However, we are glad that you enjoy the magazine, and we hope it offers you an occasional smile as you recover in ICU from one of the many schoolyard beatings that are bound to be a staple of your childhood! -Ed.

> NEXT MONTH IN MAD #446 ON SALE SEPTEMBER 14!

OUR SPIDER-MAN 2 PARODY, FALL T.V. PREVIEW AND THE MAD WORLD OF SCHOOL!

#### FOR BETTER OR FOR CURSE

I was at my grandma's on vacation when I got my first issue of MAD. I was reading it voraciously, making sure I got every single detail, when my bratty cousins and MAD-addicted uncle walked in. My youngest cousin, Robin, grabbed the MAD out of my hand and started reading it out loud. My grandma thought it was cute until Robin came across the word "damn." Then my grandma said to me that MAD might be a little too inappropriate for me. But then my MAD-addicted uncle said that kids are getting more inappropriate these days. Is this true? Is MAD affecting the ways of the next generation?

Adrian Appleman, Brewster, NY

Apple Cobbler - As far as whether or not MAD is responsible for influencing the next generation, well, we really don't give a damn! Thanks for writing! -Ed.





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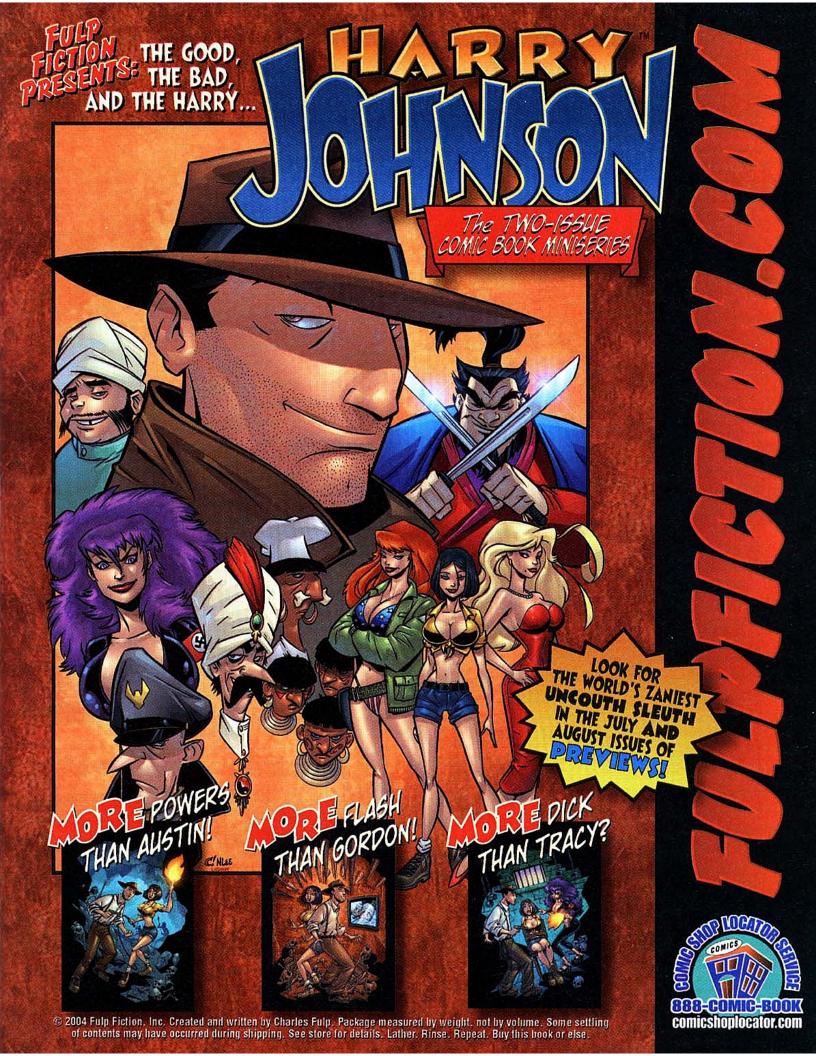
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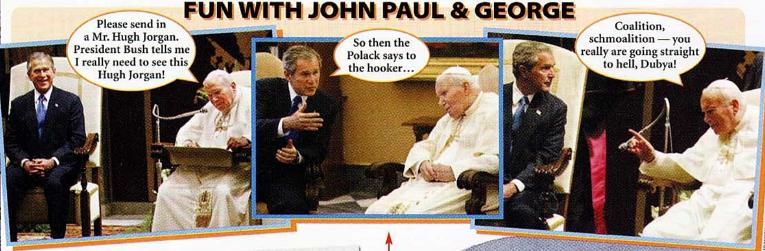
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#### GEORGE TENET'S RESIGNATION LETTER



To: Vice President Dick Cheney From: George Tenet

With deep regret, I hereby tender my resignation as Central Intelligence Agency Director.

It's been an exciting 7 years, and the CIA has had its ups, its downs, its downs, and its downs. Not seeing Osama bin Laden coming? Not knowing where the hell Osama is now? The imaginary African uranium sale? Russian double agents parking their \$100,000 cars in the CIA parking lot? My "slam dunk" evidence proving Weapons of Mass Destruction? What can I say except: my bad, dawg.

But I am proud to note that we have also had major, major successes during the same time. The CIA knew that the Spice Girls were going to break up almost a week before it was announced. We're also hearing a lot of elevated chatter about the plot of the upcoming Yu-Gi-Oh! movie.

Yes, I'm hightailing it out of town right before the Senate Intelligence report and the 9/11 Commission report both come out and scorch the short hairs off my ass. But that's just a coincidence. And besides, what good does it do, picking up a severed hand at Ground Zero, and using it to point fingers? I've fully accepted my share of the blame. Why dwell on consequences?

Covertly Yours,

P.S. When you get a chance, tell George Bush I've quit my job.

#### **MAGAZINE** CORRECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



In our March, 2004 issue, we inadvertently advised those readers born under the sign of Taurus that "you will be pleasantly surprised by a visit from an old friend." In fact, you will die a painful and tragic death. We regret the error and any inconveniences this may have caused.



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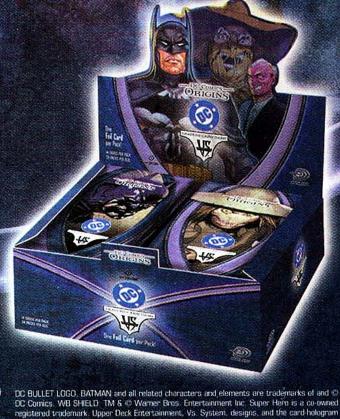


- Three-hour commentary track by Mel Gibson's father, Hutton, ranting about how the Jews own Hollywood
- Hilarious blooper outtakes of the crew laughing when the actors portraying Roman crucifiers accidentally hit their thumbs with the hammers
- The omitted Paris Hilton "Last Supper"
- Mini-documentary about a real-life "Jesus" who screams on street corners

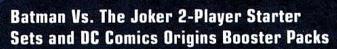
- Multiple soundtracks in Esperanto, Kyrgyz, Olde English, and other languages even more obscure than Aramaic
- The previously deleted shark attack scene
- Audition reels of actors who didn't get the lead role, including P. Diddy. Adam Sandler and Vin Diesel
- The alternate "Happy Hollywood Ending where Jesus uses his superpowers in the last ten minutes of the film to save himself

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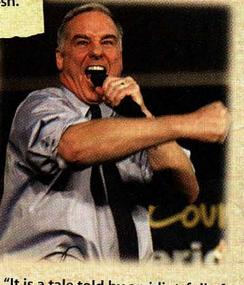
"His will is not his own."

Hamlet — Act I, Scene III

"...this horseback-breaker, this huge hill of flesh."

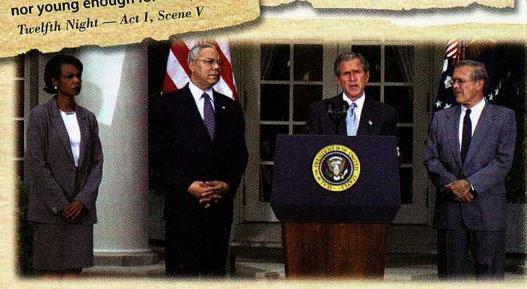
Henry IV, Part One — Act II, Scene IV

"Not yet old enough for a man nor young enough for a boy."



"It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Macbeth — Act V, Scene V



"They have committed false report; moreover, they have spoken untruths."

Much Ado About Nothing — Act V, Scene I



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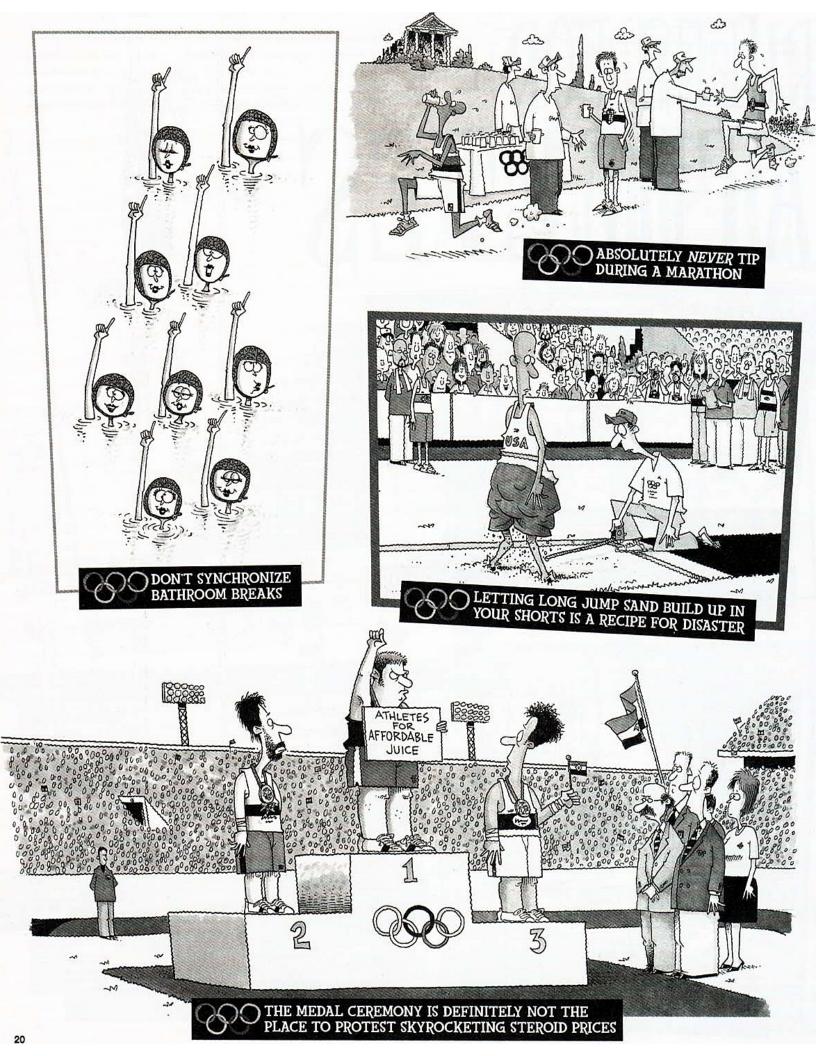




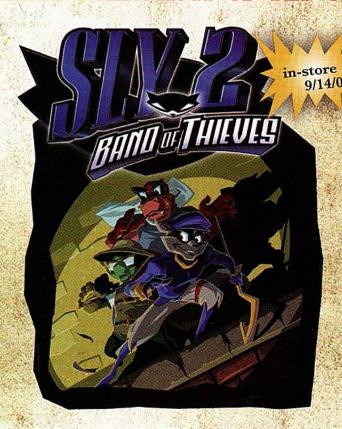




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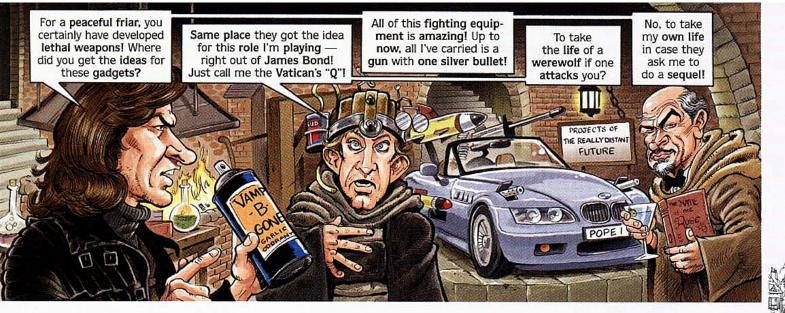
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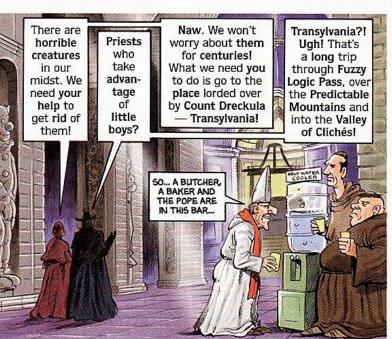




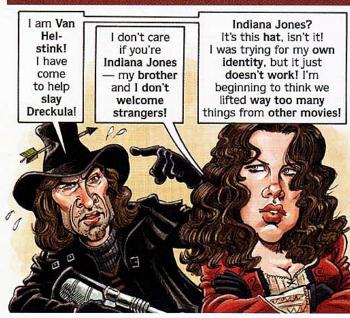


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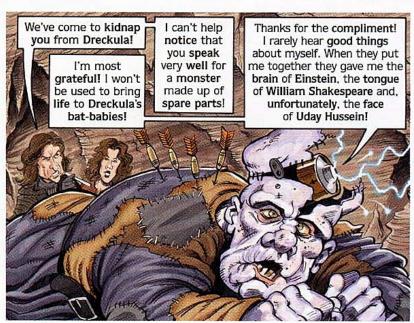


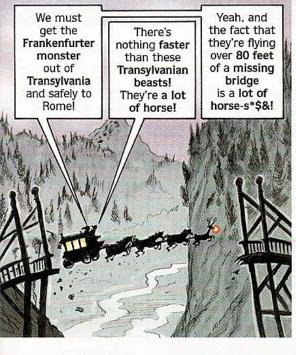








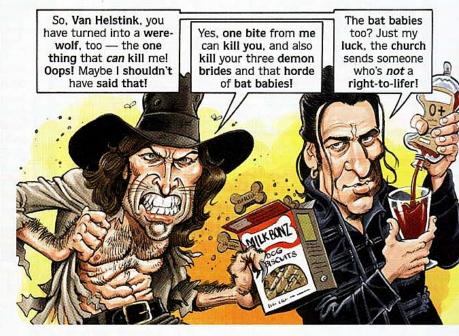


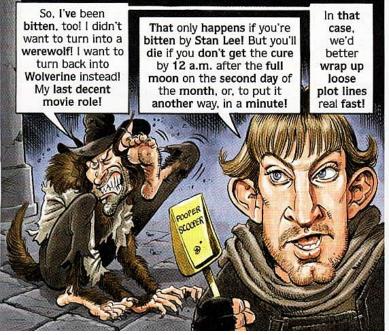






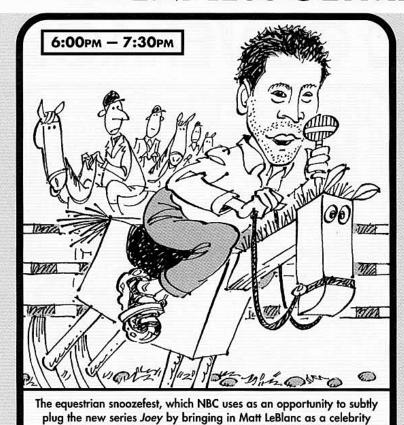








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commentator, even though he couldn't even spell "equestrian" let alone

provide any kind of remotely meaningful insight into the sport.

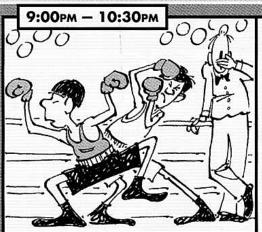
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Recap of the day's events so far, with more than half the broadcast devoted to slow motion close-ups of the USA Basketball team slam-dunking the ball in the faces of their Yemenite opponents.

#### 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Women's Volleyball match between Sweden and Norway, which will have no bearing at all on the medal rounds, but gives NBC an excuse to show extreme close-ups of the beaded sweat on the bosoms of young, nubile, swimsuit-clad blonde women frolicking around on a beach during prime time.

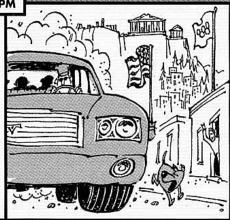


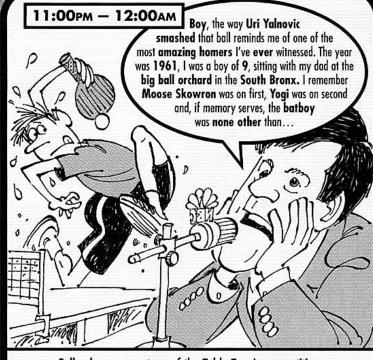


Frightfully dull bantamweight-boxing match in which the frenetic fighter from Indonesia keeps on dancing around in circles while the disinterested fighter from Sri Lanka seems to be blocking punches that aren't being thrown.

#### 10:30pm - 11:00pm

Contrived sappy story about the camaraderie between the athletes living in the Olympic Village, which fails to point out that the NBA players are actually living on luxury cruise ships and the closest they'll get to one of the regular athletes' cubicles is when their stretch limo passes it on the way to Athens' most exclusive "gentlemen's club."





Full color commentary of the Table Tennis competition, in which Bob Costas somehow manages to segue into yet another self-indulgent, nostalgic story about how his dad would take him to Yankee Stadium in the 1960s and he would sit on his lap eating Cracker Jacks and cheering on the Mick.

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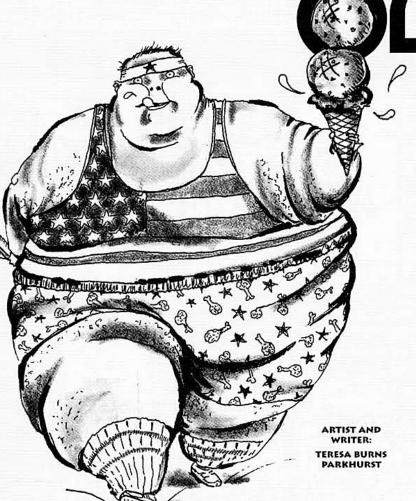
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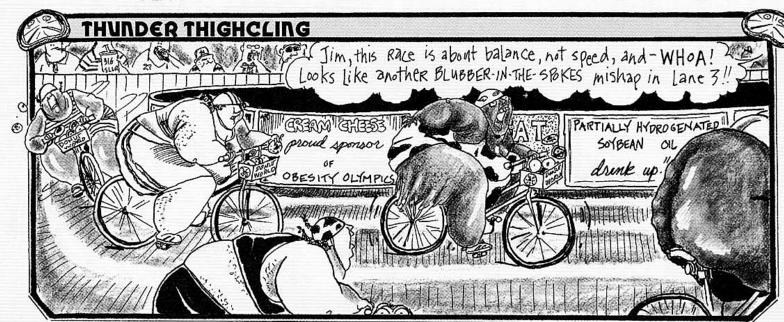


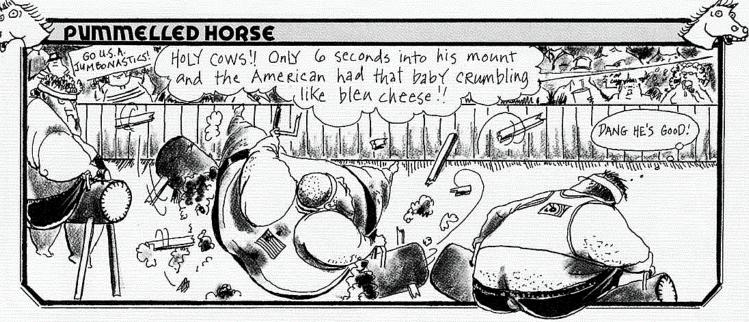
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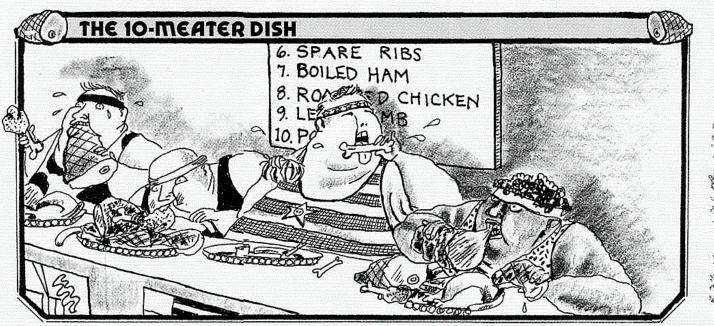
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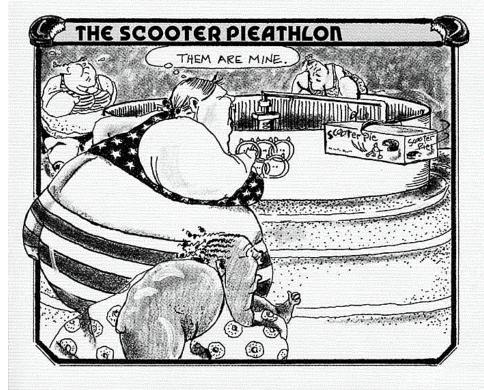






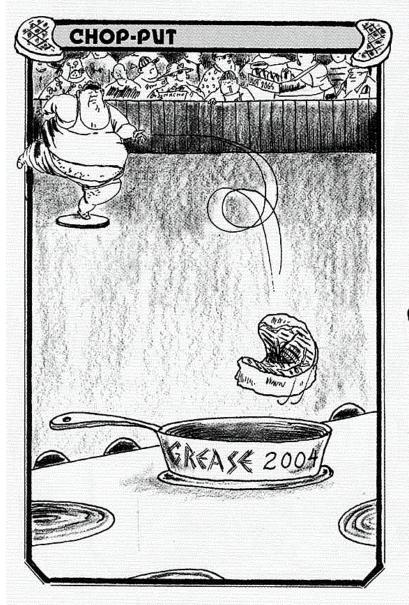


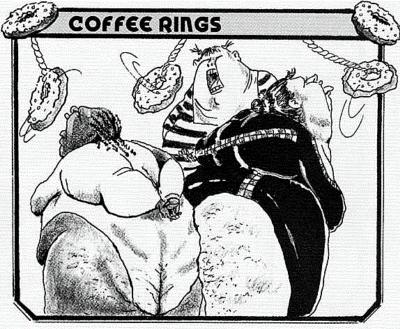


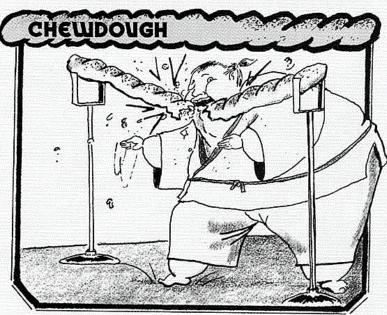


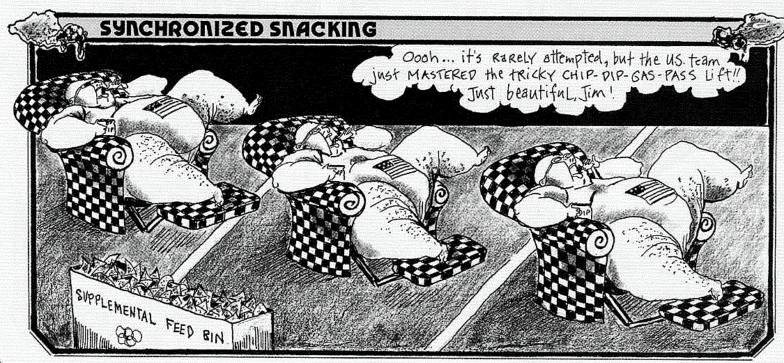












the old adage, "dying is easy; comedy is hard," is true, then being subjected to most of the pathetic pap that passes for humor today is nothing short of torture. (Donald Rumsfeld, take note!) It's no easy task identifying the absolute biggest failures when it comes to inducing yuks, but, dedicated pros that we are, we've pushed our schnozz (A funny word!) to the proverbial grindstone and come up with the definitive list of...

# MAD'S WYORST WYORST

COMEDY COMEDY

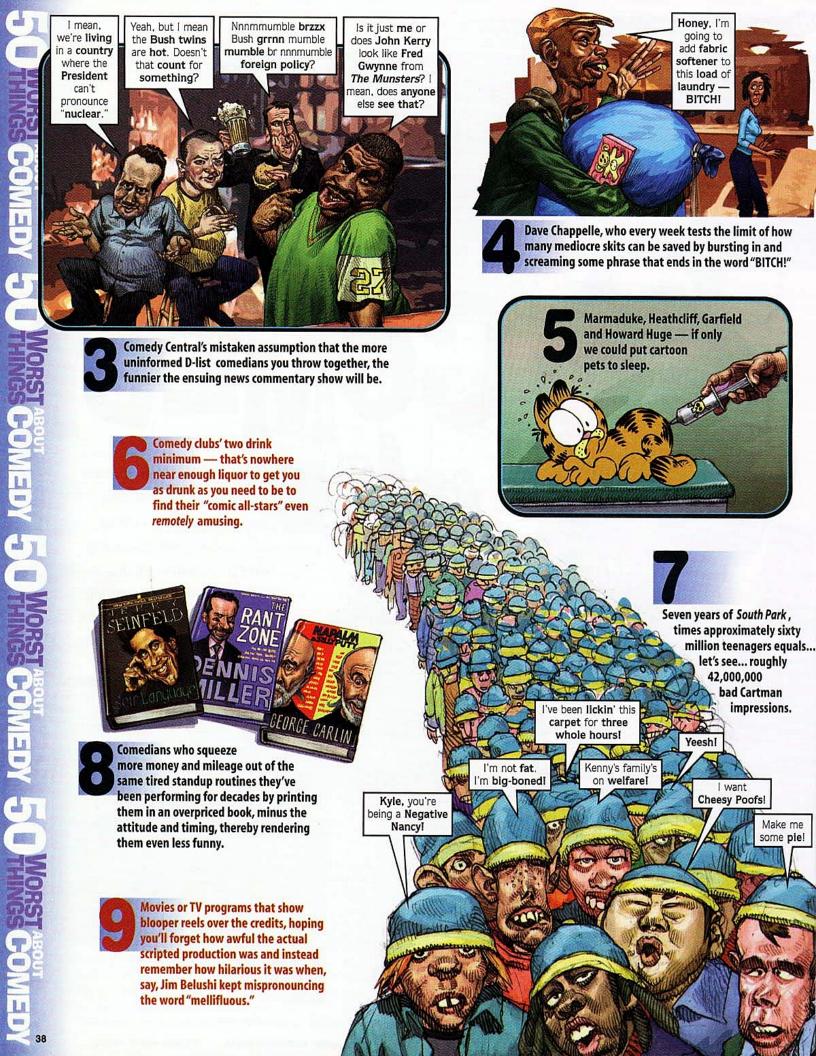
MAD Magazine Over 50 years
of obvious, groan inducing
parodies, shameless cheap
shots and an ever increasing
cover price, making it practically
undeniable that it is regular,
schmuck readers like you who are
the REAL "usual gang of idiots."

P All the Wayans brothers.
And Pen-ai-o-pe Cruz;
Okay, yes, they're goyim,
Dut i'm running out of Jews!

That corcurous, oh-so-cired, annually updated Chanukah song — which must be funny, since Adam Sandler can rarely get through a performance of it without laughing at the lyrics he's written.

ARTIST : HERMANN MEJIA

WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO



Hollywood Squares: they ply us with badly-delivered scripted "ad libs" that make Paul Lynde turn over in his grave, when the real comedy would be to see footage of Dom DeLuise being forklifted up to the second tier.







The foolish stereotype that all the best comedy writers are old Jewish guys. Facacta people who believe that are all meshugga goyim who should get tsuris.





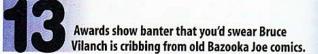
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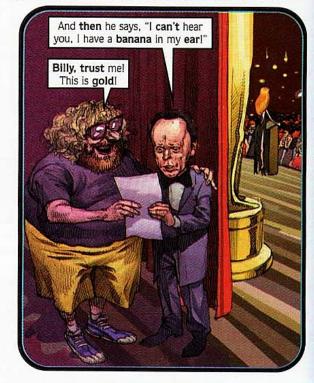


Shakespearean comedies that haven't been funny in 400 years that you feel compelled to laugh at anyway, in an effort to appear sophisticated like everyone else stuck there not enjoying it.

Methinks thou art a general offence, and every man should beat thee.







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Any of Tracey
Ullman's stable of
makeup-heavy
characters, all of
whom sound the
same and look
like their faces
are melting off.



Spencer Gifts — suppliers of "hilarious" props for class clowns and smart-asses everywhere, like an "I'm With Stupid" t-shirt, aerosol fart spray or a comical plastic man who blows bubbles out of his ass.

WORST COMEDY 50 WORST COM





The edited episodes of Sex and the City on TBS — without the nudity and profanity they might as well call the show The View II.

Woody Allen's unique ability to bring together interesting and often brilliant actors of wildly divergent talents — yet end up making nothing but wildly divergent, forgettably mediocre movies.

Being singled out for all of Don Rickles' ruthless barbs when there's a perfectly good fat, black, Puerto Rican Jew in a funny hat and loud shirt sitting in the front row.



The creepy troika of comedy that makes even the bravest of the brave cower in fear: clowns, ventriloquist dummies and carrot top.

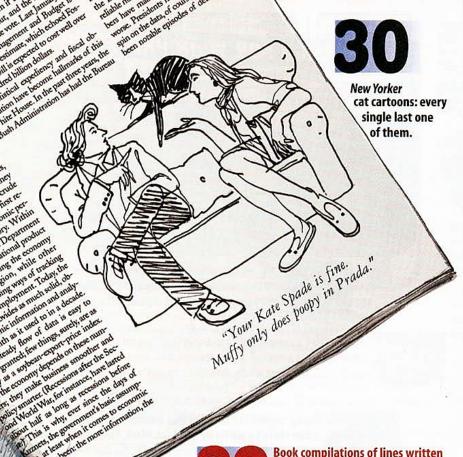
The Learning Annex catalog's ridiculous claim that you can "Learn to Do Stand-Up" in "one intense session" by following the remedial instruction of a self-proclaimed funnyman whose only steady gig is presiding over twenty clueless hopefuls the second Tuesday of every other month from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in a windowless, un-air-conditioned room rented from a local elementary school.

29 That large

That large mushroom growing on top of Bernie Mac's head. Oh, wait, that's his 'fro.

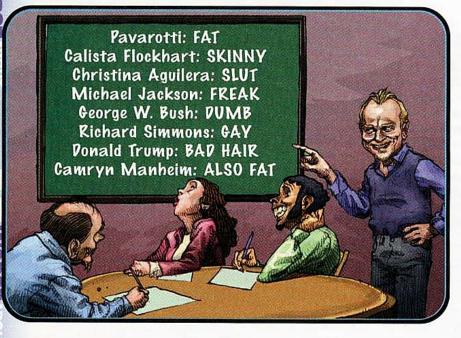


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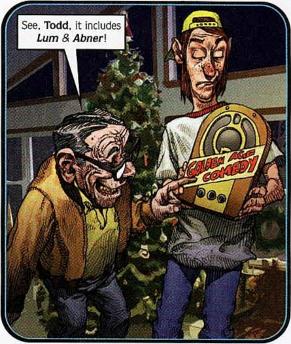
Book compilations of lines written by White House speechwriters and L.A. gagmen being passed off as a collection of the "wit and wisdom" of any President, not one of whom has had a good sense of humor since William Henry Harrison.

The rule book for all late-night talk show writers that insists jokes about celebrities must always be about the ONE real or imagined trait that was agreed upon by some unimaginative secret comedy cabal.

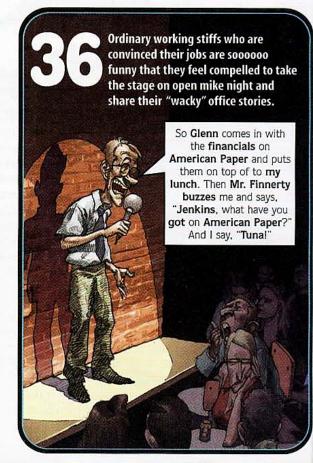


The inexplicable need comedic actors have "to tackle a serious role for a change," which invariably results in a soppy, slow-paced snorefest. How long before Jim Carrey, Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd team up in an all-male remake of Steel Magnolias?

Al Franken, who has managed to match Rush Limbaugh's level of smugness and childlike name calling without having to pop thousands of pain pills.



The "Golden Age of Radio Comedies" on cassette, packed in a box shaped like an old Philco radio, that you received as a Christmas gift from some hopelessly out-of-touch relative, which you'll never listen to and will re-gift the first chance you get.



"Cedric the Entertainer." Kinda reminds us of "Shatner the Singer."

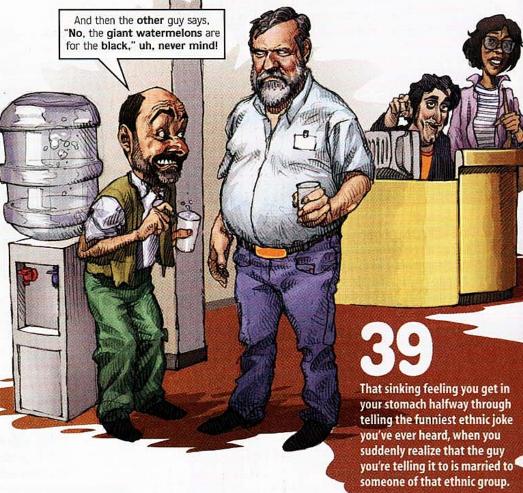


The over-hyped, nauseatinly sentimental final season of any long-running sitcom, which you know, 20 years hence, will result in an overhyped, nauseatingly sentimental "reunion show." (Note: see #46.)

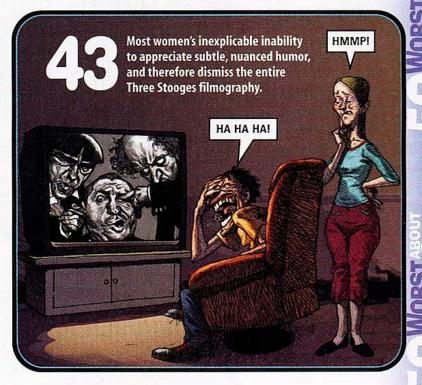
Randy Jackson, Simon
Cowell and Paula Abdul — who make as many appearances in comedy skit shows, sitcoms and awards shows tiredly spoofing themselves as they do performing their actual judging duties on American Idol.



Tony n' Tina's Wedding: "Interactive" theater at which you'll be so offended by the broad ethnic stereotypes, you won't be sure what you're choking on: the lame jokes or the undercooked stuffed chicken breast.



We don't want to get off on a rant here, but isn't it sad that Dennis Miller's done a gear-stripping 180-degree turn from "How deliciously obscure and outrageous can I make this reference?" to "The hell with smarmy wit — how blatantly can I kiss President Bush's ass?"





The vanity that dictates a much more attractive, totally hot actress must be cast opposite the fat-ass schlub sitcom star playing some overweight blue-collar loser despite the fact that the only way his character could ever get someone like that in real life is by making the kind of money, say, a successful sitcom star makes.



TV reunion shows:
The lucky cast members are dead before the taping starts, the rest die on-camera.

"Wacky" canned outgoing phone machine messages. We thought they went out of style in the early 1980s.

Ow! My hip! My hip!



Hil Mark's
answering machine
is broken. This is his
refrigerator. Please
speak very slowly,
and I'll stick your
message to myself
with one of these
magnets! Beeep!

Knock-knock , jokes — we just don't like them.

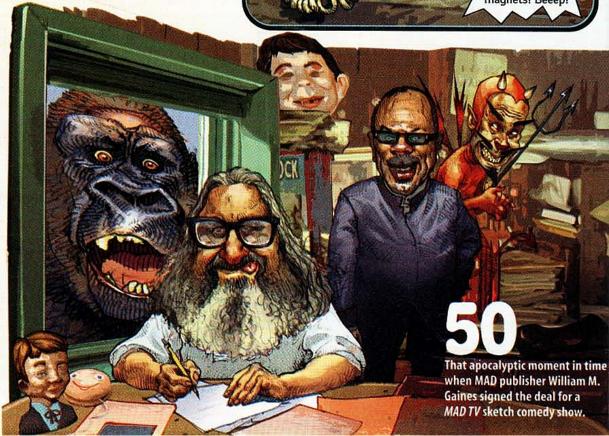
Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Some schmuck telling a lame joke.

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Ben Stiller's insistence on making a minimum of seven movies a year — a shooting schedule usually reserved only for porn stars. (Not that we're encouraging him in that direction!)

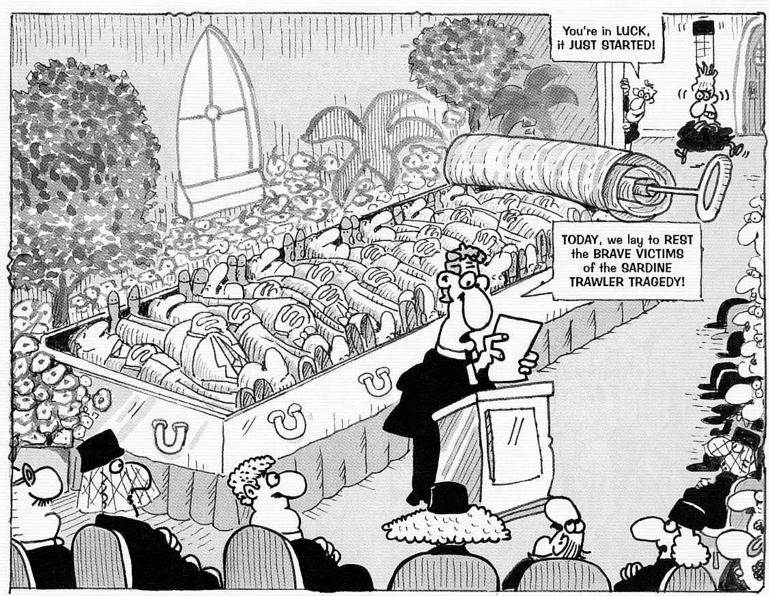


## TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

# THE DYING GAME













WHERE DO ALL
AMERICANS HOPE
THE VICIOUS
ATTACKS
WILL END SOON?

#### MAD FOLD-IN

Every time we turn on the TV, we are bombarded with new and disturbing images of ugly battles. These cruel assaults are launched on a daily basis and show no sign of letting up. To find out the one area where the American public is most sickened by these savage conflicts, fold page in as shown.

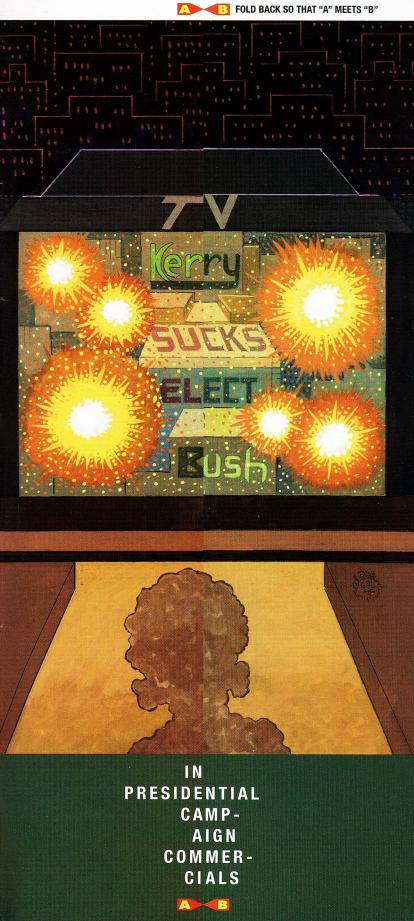


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IN THESE DANGEROUS TIMES, LEADERS
PRESIDE OVER TERRIFIED POPULATIONS. SUBSTANTIAL
CATASTROPHES CAN FOLLOW AS CROWDS RAMPAGE EVERYWHERE. THIS IS NOT A GOOD SIGN
COMING AS IT DOES IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE. MERCIFULLY, IT WILL END, SO SAY OUR OFFICIALS

WHERE DO ALL **AMERICANS HOPE** THE VICIOUS ATTACKS **WILL END SOON?** 







"The DBZ movies always amp up the stakes, the animation quality and the adrenaline, and 'Bojack' is no exception."

-- Anime Insider

BOJACK IS UNBOUND... THE UNIVERSE IS AT

AVAILABLE AUGUST

VIEW THE TRAILER AT: www.dragonballz.com

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### IF A POLITICAL CONVENTION WAS PRODUCED BY...



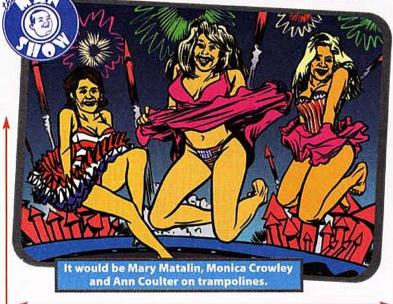
**DREAMWORKS SKG** George W. Bush is qualified to clean up this mess f'sure! I'm not talking about no Middle East -I mean the mess I just made backstage!

They'd offer expert political analysis from an animated donkey.

I know

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT** J.LO'S MARRIAGE TO MARC ANTHONY

- Due to rumors that she is still very much "Jenny from the block," Anthony insisted J.Lo get tested for STDs before tying the knot.
- The couple chose to honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, just in case Anthony had second thoughts and wanted to get another quickie divorce.
- **3** The sticklest moment of the evening came when J.Lo recognized one of the waiters as her first husband, Ojani Noa
- News of his former fiancé's marriage reached Ben Affleck at a Vancouver strip club, where he was so despondent, he only bought five lap dances instead of his customary 10.
- S Just three days after the ceremony, J.Lo started bragging about her marriage being more successful than **Britney Spears!**



### MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY



### **CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS**

This month: TONY

OUR TEAM OF CRACK ODDSMAKERS GIVES YOU THE LATEST VEGAS LINE ON HOW ONE OF TODAY'S BIGGEST STARS WILL MEET HIS DEMISE!

### **CAUSE OF DEATH**

ODDS

**Fatal injury from** doing own stunt......9,875,000,000:1 Fatal injury from standing too close to clumsy moron attempting to imitate one of his stunts..... Terminal leg cramps

from spending too much time modeling for video game designers .....5:1

Suffocation after scabs all over body finally "merge" into one, big, all-consuming scab.....

Skull fracture, in 2025, after attempting hospital gurney/half pipe stunt at Pro Skateboarders Retirement Home ......9:1

Massive heart attack from ingesting large quantities of Doritos, McDonald's, Bagel Bites, Hershey's MilkShakes and all the other crap food he endorses......Even money

### CLIMAXES TO REALLY LAME URBAN LEGENDS

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...the man screamed when he entered the bathroom: there, scrawled on the mirror in lipstick, were the words, 'Welcome to the world of gout.' 🤰

C...his frightened girlfriend worked up the courage to get out of the car, and finally discovered what was making the grisly scraping noise on the car's roof: it was a pigeon. >>

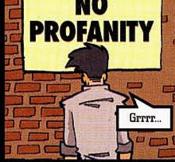
**66...the babysitter gasped as** she heard the frantic policeman say, 'We've traced the call...and it's coming from your Aunt Bernice in Cleveland!' 53

(\*\*C...'Yes,' the hitchhiking girl's father said sadly, 'This is her sweater. You see, exactly one year ago today, on a dark night just like this, she bought it at Kmart.'>>















### REJECTED APPLICANTS FROM ABC'S

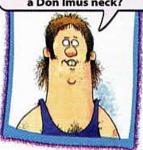
Warren Munson, 35 Duluth, Minnesota

I want the full Tony Soprano — the gut, the hairline, the body hair. Is that too much to ask?



Dieter Whetnick, 23 Whatney Falls, Nebraska

Hel-lo? Who do I have to sleep with to end up with a Don Imus neck?



Furlette Babshaw, 28 Riberdy, Kansas

I've always dreamed of having the wispy figure and hardened leathery visage of a crack whore with a bottle tan.



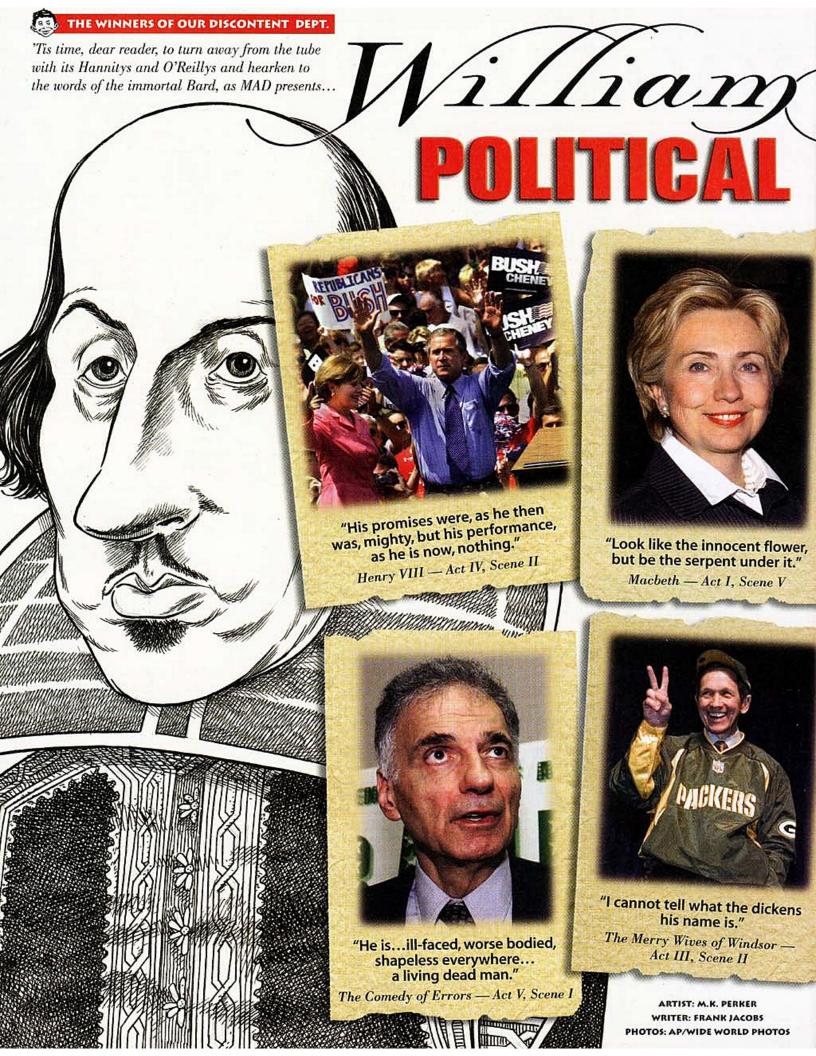
Angelo "Buddy" Nussman, 62 Labyrinth, Georgia

You know the spotty, grayish pink bloat a body gets when it washes up on shore? Oh, yeah, that's for me, Chuckles.



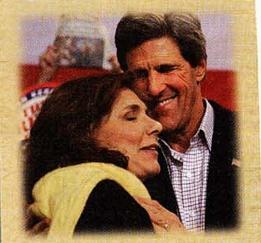






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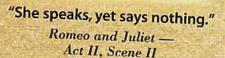


"Prosperity's the very bond of love."

Hamlet — Act II, Scene II



Dr. Condoleezza Rice





"Such a man...so spiritless, so dull, so dead in look, so woebegone." Henry IV, Part 2— Act I, Scene I



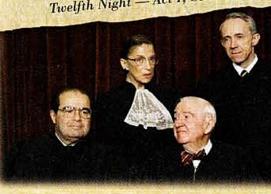
"Wherefore are those things hid?"

Twelfth Night — Act I, Scene III



"What a sweep of vanity comes this way."

Timon of Athens — Act I, Scene II



"These tedious old fools!"



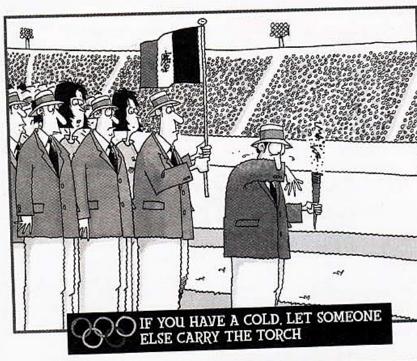
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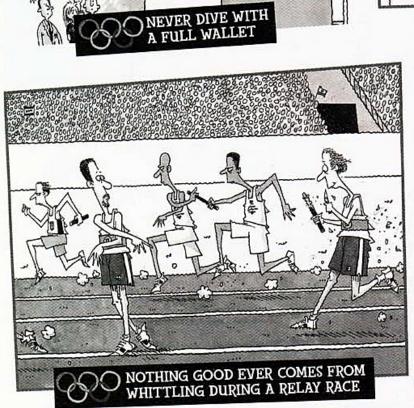


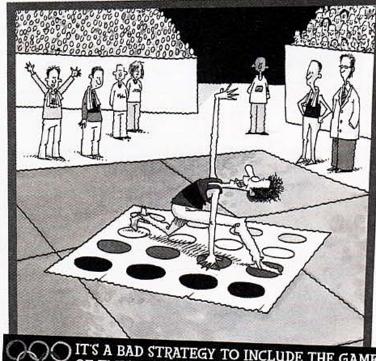
You've worked and trained your whole life and finally earned your place on the big stage — a spot on your country's Olympic team. But before you start clearing Grandma's ashes off your mantel for gold medals, consider that the true challenge won't be shielding your eyes from the Romanian guys in Speedos, but, rather, mastering...

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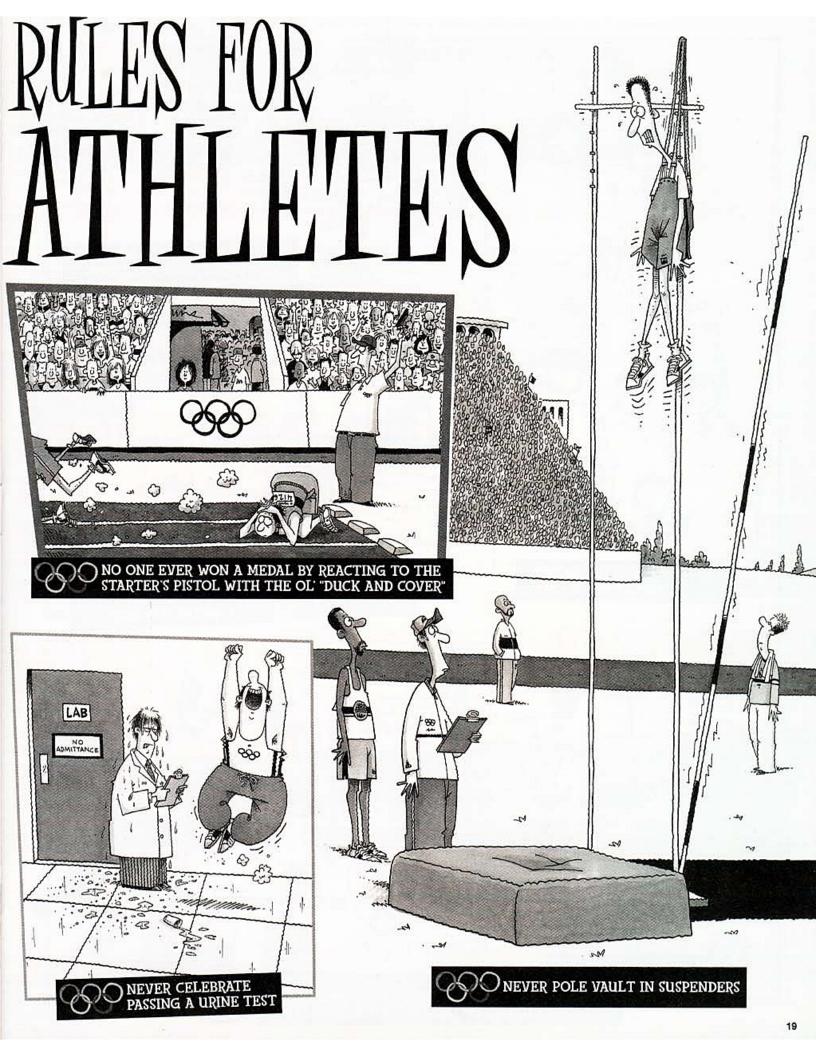
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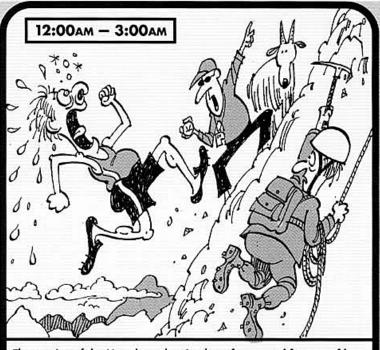




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This year, NBC and its affiliates will be taking the unprecedented step of covering the summer Olympics 4 to 6 hours at a clip, boy, are YOU in for a snoozefest! How will they manage to fill up all the time

### 24 HOURS OF NBC'S END



The running of the Marathon, showing lots of pre-taped footage of how the USA's top runner trained every day in the mountains of Colorado, which ultimately proves to be meaningless, since he ends up in 16th place, a full 27 minutes behind the slowest guy from Kenya.



Totally moronic, incomprehensible and stereotype-heavy segment entitled "My Big Fat Greek Olympics" hosted by Nia Vardalos, which is meant to be funny and cute but is actually blatantly offensive to Greeks everywhere — and anyone with an IQ above 70.

4:30am - 5:00am

Grainy black and white footage of Olympic games from 70 years ago, depicting guys with handlebar mustaches and wearing knickers, gleefully tossing around a medicine ball and doing squat thrusts for no apparent reason.



10:00AM — 11:00AM

PBS-like travelogue about the history and architecture of the Acropolis that has nothing whatsoever to do with sports, but appeases NBC's contract with the Greek Chamber of Commerce.

11:00am - 11:30am

Pointless humaninterest story about a Badminton player from a small farming town in New Delhi who made his own racket from a coconut husk and the bones of a rhesus monkey.





Coverage of the Sailing qualifying trials, featuring the narcolepsy-inducing, pithy insights of the man who coached the Australian team to a bronze medal over 30 years ago and has been hitting the sauce ever since.

every second of every day. So if you thought the programming was dull when they were covering only during this godforsaken event? We'll show you exactly what kind of mindless blather to expect during...

### LESS OLYMPIC COVERAGE

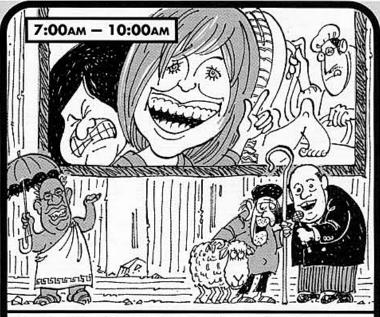


Detailed breakdown of the Men's Handball semifinals, which makes millions wonder why hopscotch, marbles and red rover never made it as Olympic sports.

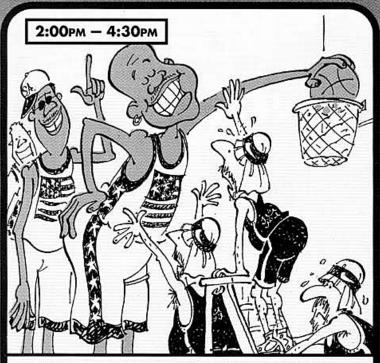
### 6:00AM - 7:00AM

Comprehensive analysis of the Triathlon, in which commentators dissect every possible aspect of the event except for the key question of how competitors who go straight from swimming to riding a bike without changing their clothes manage to avoid severe crotch rash.





Special version of *The Today Show* broadcast live from the Parthenon, in which Al Roker gives his weather report while wearing sandals and a toga, Willard Scott congratulates a shepherd and his sheep on their 75th wedding anniversary, and Katie Couric browbeats the mayor of Athens into getting a colonoscopy, then shows it on a Jumbotron during the opening ceremony.



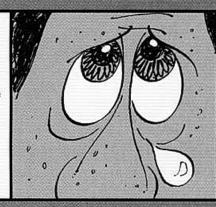
Full-blown coverage of the USA Basketball team's 168-31 victory over Yemen, announced in such a way as to reassure Americans that they are superior in every way to the peoples of the Middle East.



Obligatory coverage of Constantinos Daskalakis, the Greek wrestler who has the best shot of winning a medal for the host country, but will actually come in 74th place after rupturing his groin twelve seconds into his match because of an illegal maneuver by some drooling imbecile from Uganda.

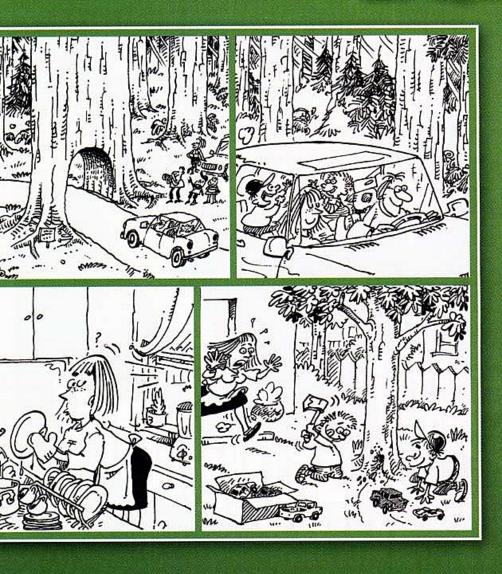
### 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Tae kwon do medal ceremony, featuring ridiculously extreme close-ups of the tear running down the gold-medalist's face, which the announcers attribute to national pride, but is more likely the result of the fact that his country's national anthem is being absolutely destroyed by the high school brass band attempting to play it.





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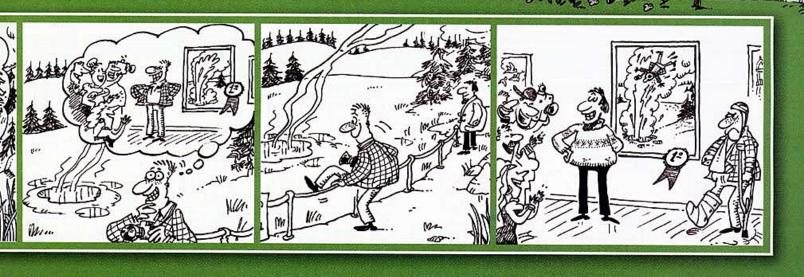








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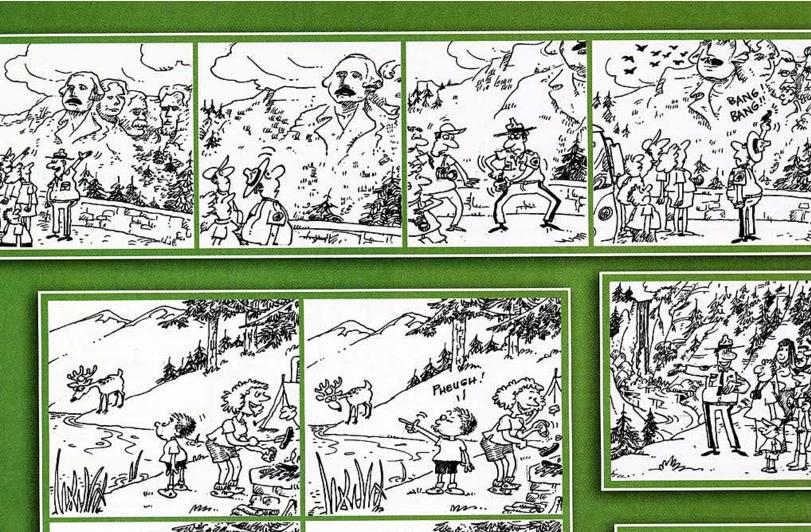




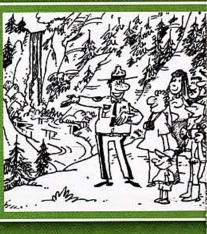




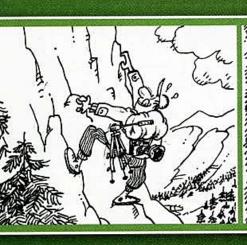








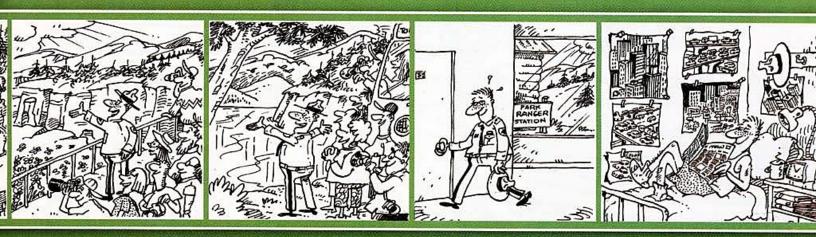




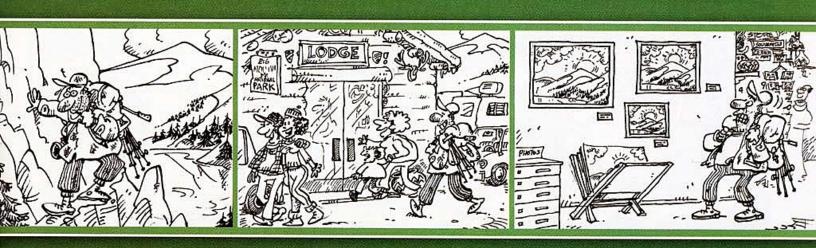












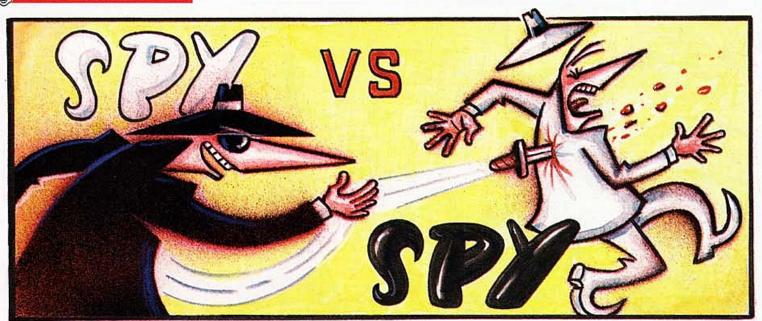






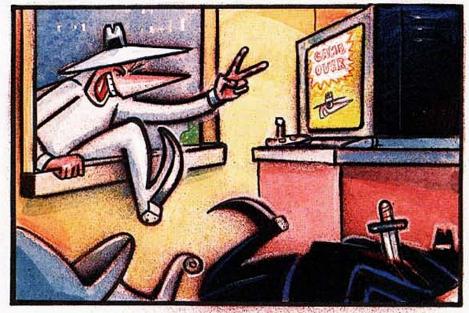




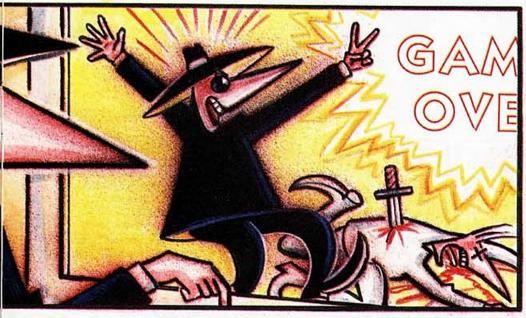


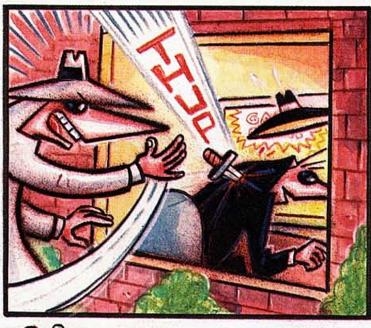
























### ACHILLES SPIEL DEPT.

If you're studying *The Iliad* and thinking of making a crib sheet based on this movie, don't. You'll fail! Just like this movie did. The original epic was written by Homer. *This* version could have been written by Homer Simpson! Welcome to a big, fat Greek stinker! Here is . . .

## TRO

I am Acneless, the greatest warrior in historyl I may look like a surfer dude, but I am a killing machinel I am ripped, I am buff, I am beautifull Last month my abs were declared a national treasure in Cretel

Acneless
is fearless,
but he is
also selfcentered,
arrogant
and
brooding!

Ancient
philosophers
say it will cause
his doom! Heed
their words,
"Beware
of Greeks

What ancient philosophers? That's usI The year is 2,000 B.C., shmendrick Acneless has to make some tough personal decisions in the next

Whether to fight for his country or to fight for fame and mmortality? Hey, we KNOW the dude's going to fight for fame! His big dilemma is whether to pout, preen or pose!

looks like he's going for the



I am Hectic, a prince of Troy-Veyl This is my brother, Parris. We are Trojansi We are brave and heroic people! Centuries from now, people will still speak the name Trojani Yeah, under their breath at pharmacy counters! So that's Meloni She is why the Greeks went to warl She's "The face that launched a thousand ships"! She's okay if you like that "vacant model" look! But she's certainly not that hot!

Okay, so would you say she has a face that could launch, maybe, 143 ships? I guessi Maybe throw in a few raftsi

